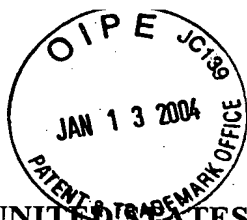


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Norimasa SOHMIYA, et al.

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Responsive to the notification dated November 19, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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# Declaration, Power Of Attorney and Petition

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